

# ROUTE 66 WAS CERTIFIED IN 1926

WHEN THE NATION ADOPTED A NUMBERED SYSTEM OF CROSS-COUNTRY, INTER-STATE ROADS. FULLY PAVED BY 1936, ROUTE 66 BECAME AN IMPORTANT & LEGENDARY HIGHWAY, "IMMORTALIZED" IN LITERATURE, MUSIC, & ON TELEVISION. GRADUALLY "REPLACED" BY HUGE, HOMOGENEOUS "INTERSTATES," 66 WAS DECERTIFIED IN 1985, CEASING TO EXIST "OFFICIALLY," BUT WELL OVER 80% OF THE OLD ROAD IS STILL DRIVEABLE — SO, TRAVEL BACK IN TIME, & LEAVE THE STRESS BEHIND — ON THE INTERSTATES... AND THEN, YOU TOO WILL SAY: "I STILL GET MY KICKS, ON OLD ROUTE 66!"

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL • OLD IS BEAUTIFUL • SLOW IS BEAUTIFUL • SAFE IS BEAUTIFUL

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

62563

WALDMIRE, R.R. 2, BOX 110, ROCHESTER, ILLINOIS

To:

(write small)

ZIP

Still the best way west!  
TAKE OLD 66 ALMOST ALL THE WAY!

MAIN STREET, USA — Chicago to L.A.!

Rt 66-50



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THIS HARDWOOD FOREST IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PREDOMINANT OAK-HICKORY FOREST NATIVE TO THIS REGION. THESE FORESTS WERE OFTEN LIKE "ISLANDS" IN THE "SEAS" OF TALLGRASS PRAIRIE.

SHAGBARK  
HICKORY

WHITE  
OAKS

RED  
OAK

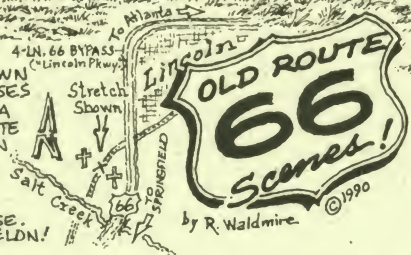
SOUTH

## LINCOLN, ILLINOIS (ALT. 590 FT.)

OLD OLD 66 HEADS SOUTH OUT OF LINCOLN, DROPPING DOWN INTO THE SALT CREEK FLOODPLAIN. ABOVE, THE ROAD PASSES BETWEEN THE HOLY CROSS & OLD UNION CEMETERIES, ON A RARE, SHORT BRICK-PAVED STRETCH. PARK AT THE WIRE GATE & TAKE A SHORT HIKE INTO HISTORY, DOWN TO SALT CREEK ON OLD OLD 66 (THIS ALIGNMENT WAS ORIGINALLY ILL. RT. 4).

THE LATER 4-LANE DIVIDED 66 IS A MERE 100 YARDS TO THE EAST.

LINCOLN HAS LOTS OF 66-ERA ARCHITECTURE, LOTS OF ABE-LINCOLN-RELATED LANDMARKS, & LOGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE. LINCOLN CHRISTENED THE TOWN IN 1853, WITH THE JUICE OF A WATERMELON!



by R. Waldmire.